

Clark High School Freshman Attends Capital Hill Luncheon

Clark High School freshman, GEAR UP student, Blanca Rugerio, served as student ambassador for the entire state of Nevada as she presented the 2004 "Champion for Student Success" award to Senator Harry Reid at the capitol building in Washington D.C. on February 26, 2004.

GEAR UP is a grant from the United States Department of Education. GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. The grant's goals are to increase students' academic achievement, increase high school graduation rates, and promote college enrollment. There are 407 Clark High School students included in the 2800 members of the GEAR UP Class of '07 statewide.

Blanca demonstrates outstanding academic achievement. She is a member of the Naval Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (NJROTC) honor guard and plays the viola in the Clark High School Orchestra. She truly exhibits a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard to accomplish her goals, which is why she was chosen for this honor. Mr. Ronnie Tee Smith, Clark High School Principal, and Ms. Marj Robinson, the CCSD GEAR UP Specialist traveled to Washington D.C. with Blanca.

On the plane ride home, Blanca shared with Mr. Smith, "Thank-you for choosing me, because of what I've learned on this trip. I am going to study more and work even harder in school."



Senator Harry Reid Honored

Senator Harry Reid of Nevada has been named a Champion of Student Success by the National Council for Community and Education Partnerships (NCCPEP). Reid earned this award for his long-time support of GEAR UP, a program to help students get ready for college. "I am deeply honored," said Reid. "GEAR UP is a wonderful program that offers bright futures for Nevada's young people. I have always been proud to support it."

GEAR UP stands for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs. It's a bipartisan, public-private education partnership created by Congress in 1998. GEAR UP brings all the resources in a community together, to help guide children from middle school through college admission. It serves 1.2 million students in 13 states, including Nevada. It may soon be able to help even more, because the SBC Foundation just gave a 5 million dollar grant to the program.

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Have You Moved? Be sure to let GEAR UP know if you ever change your address. That way we can continue to contact you for these and other exciting college-prep activities. Please send your address change to your GEAR UP school or to: gearup@nsn.k12.nv.us



Gear Up Grapevine

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UNLV GEAR UP Summer College Camp



Students from Clark and Nye counties will have a unique opportunity this summer to explore college life and individual career interests at the UNLV GEAR UP Summer College Camp. Students will select one week out of the three weeks the camp is being offered to attend. The college camp will be held in June, Monday through Friday, on the following days: June 7th - 11th, June 14th - 18th, and June 21st - 25th.

Each week offers four career paths students can choose from. Among the offerings are fashion design, geology and the environment, outdoor recreation and leisure, law and government service, biology and DNA, art and music including film, and forensics and CSI. Additionally there will be a path that allows students who aren't sure of their career direction, an opportunity to explore possibilities.

Buses will pick students up from designated locations around the valley and deliver them to UNLV. Monday, Wednesday and Friday participants will be doing activities both on campus and off campus that will give them a taste of the actual work involved in their interest. Tuesdays and Thursdays will be devoted to preparing for college and a career with speakers and workshops on test taking, interviewing, resume writing with additional offerings in the works. Transportation and meals will be provided for all students.

Don't be left out of the fun! Contact your GEAR UP counselor now as space is limited to 100 students each week.

GEAR UP PADRES

Gear Up es un programa de apollo a los estudiantes y padres con información y actividades para prepararlos para el colegio.

Suéñelo

Créalo

Lógrelo

Favor de llamarle al consejero escolar de su hijo/hija para la información acerca del Programa Gear Up.

GEAR UP HIGH SCHOOLS

Clark County

Chaparral
Clark/Mojave
Desert Pines
Palo Verde
Rancho/Valley
Western/Cheyenne
Cimarron Memorial
Eldorado/Durango
Las Vegas Academy
Las Vegas High School
Vo-Tech
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Elko County

Owyhee

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Yerington

Humboldt County

McDermitt

Mineral County

Mineral County

Nye County

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Washoe County

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UNR GEAR UP Summer College Camp

UNR GEAR UP Summer College Camp will be held this summer Monday through Friday, June 14th - 18th. This will be a day camp for Hug High School students, and residential for rural students. Rural students will stay at the University Inn on the UNR Campus.

There will be five career choices for students: 1) Health, Education and Human Services, 2) Arts, Media and Communications, 3) Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, 4) Law, Public Safety and Security, and 5) Engineering and Construction.

UNR GEAR UP Summer College Camp will focus on proficiency preparation and career education. Ropes training will be included on Thursday along with an evening at Lake Tahoe. Transportation and meals will be provided for all students. Camp is limited to 100 students so hurry and sign up!



21st Century Certificates & GEAR UP Scholarships

The GEAR UP Scholar Celebration is held at the end of each school year, during this celebration Nevada GEAR UP and the United States Department of Education provide a 21st Certificate to each successful GEAR UP student. The student earns the certificate by:

- Successfully completing the school year in Nevada and is passing on to the next grade.
- Participating in one Level 1 and two Level 2 GEAR UP activities during the school year or summer.
- Demonstrating good behavior at school.
- The family and student have signed the GEAR UP Agreement and completed student and parent surveys.

New GEAR UP students may receive the 21st Century certificate if they have completed the same requirements as the original students. The GEAR UP scholarships will be available to the students who started the program in middle school and graduate from a Nevada high school. New GEAR UP students will be given financial aid training so they are eligible for scholarships as well. Please email questions to ccurtis@nsn.k12.nv.us. Dream It, Believe It, Achieve It.

"GEAR UP GREATS" (Tested and Proven GEAR UP Activities)

Career Sampler Day at Desert Pines

The Desert Pines Career Sampler Day was a great success. Various professionals were invited to speak with student about their careers. Six different career paths and various related fields were presented to students. The professions offered were: Nursing, Marketing, Real Estate, Graphic Arts, Cooking, and Law. Students selected the profession they found of interest. Gear Up students were invited, along with other fellow students. Total attendance was approximately 240, 48 of those were GEAR UP students. The result...a very popular presentation.

RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL

Community College of Southern Nevada

Campus Tour / March 3, 2004

23 Gear Up students were very impressed with the Cheyenne Campus of CCSN. The first stop was the computer labs for Science Technology. Students saw how college students depend on the computer for research papers. There was a genuine interest in the Culinary Arts area where their state-of-the-art kitchen and classrooms will produce future chefs. CCSN would like to have their students prepare a gourmet lunch on the next visit. The Automotive Department showed the students how to become a certified repair/body shop mechanic with a two year degree and how GMC supports their program with scholarships. The day ended with a boxed lunch provided by CCSN.



Akiya Clark, Antonia Hernandez, Lizeth Valencia, Dinora Diaz, Ana Elizalde, Durrell Means, Lizeth Navarrete, Carol Matute, Miriam Contreras, Francisco Maldonado, Senait Berhane, Luis Pulido, Alicia Perez, Wendy Arostegui, Rosa Maria Gomez, Ismael Ambriz, Sasha Hernandez, Elsa Hernandez, Silvia Gama, Cinthia Ayala, Erica Landeros, Rosa Moraler, Angel Acosta

GEAR UP Assembly

February 26th, 2004

173 GEAR UP students participated in an assembly held on February 26, 2004. The GEAR UP Club Treasurer, Katherine Jones and Cristina Hughes, Secretary gave out the MMVII sweatshirts to the students who achieved a 2.0 or higher for their first semester GPA's. Each student completed a survey and was then honored with a certificate to take home as a reminder of their accomplishments as GEAR UP student.



www.collegelife.about.com

This site provides information about various aspects of college life from the viewpoint of current college students. Topics include academics, athletics, living options, what to bring, Greek Systems, social life, and more.

usafunds.org

This site provides helpful information for students and parents about planning and paying for college.

www.collegeispossible.org

This is a resource guide for parents, students, and education professionals. It provides information about preparing for college, choosing the right college, and paying for college.

www.mapping-your-future.org

Provides helpful information about college and career planning, and has sections for middle to high school students and parents.

